

# **MARGAM JOINT CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE**

## **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT REGISTRAR**

**18<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

### **Matter for Information**

**Wards Affected:** All Wards

### **Comparison of Monthly Cremations**

### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide members with a monthly comparison of cremations undertaken from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

### **Background**

2. Members will note from the attached chart a comparison on a monthly basis of all cremations that have been undertaken since the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 with the totals shown for each financial year (April to March).
3. Members will of course appreciate that the 2021/21 financial year was no ordinary year due to the Covid19 Pandemic. In particular, during the period prior to Christmas 2020 and after New Year 2021 Margam Crematorium were holding up to 15 funerals daily from 8.30am until 4.30pm. This required additional lighting to be placed around the Crematorium and in the car park to facilitate the late times offered to families.
6. Margam Crematorium were able to offer a respectful service to those suffering bereavement and to meet the needs of the public. At a time when services have been and are still restricted to 20 invited guests of the family, webcasting of the service by Wesley Media has proved popular and invaluable. Services have been streamed across the world including Australia and New Zealand with many favourable comments being received. During the last financial year, over 330 services have been streamed.
7. Members should note though that the Superintendent and officers will always work with families to accommodate their needs and in particular

will undertake regular reviews of attendance numbers to ensure compliance with Welsh Government legislation and Statutory Guidance.

8. In addition, the Cremation Fee has remained unchanged since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 and was only nominally increased from the previous two years.

### **Integrated Impact Assessment**

9. There is no requirement for an integrated impact assessment for this report

### **Financial Impact**

10. No Impacts. Any impacts will be considered in budget reports brought to members of the Joint Committee

### **Workforce Impacts**

11. There are no workforce impacts associated with this report though it is important to highlight that colleagues have consistently provided a high quality service to those suffering bereavement during the Pandemic and have done so extremely diligently.

### **Legal Impacts**

12. There are no legal impacts associated with this report.

### **Consultation**

13. There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

### **Recommendations**

14. It is recommended that members note the number of cremations held at Margam Crematorium since the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017

### **Reasons for Proposed Decision**

15. To provide members with an update on the number of cremations in recent years.

### **Appendices**

16. Appendix 1 – Cremation Statistics

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